

Groton Community Preservation Committee
Minutes from November 18, 2013 at 7:00pm
Legion Hall

Members Present: Russ Burke, Bruce Easom, Gineane Haberlin, Richard Hewitt, Bob DeGroot, Dan Emerson
Members Absent: Laurie Smigelski
Others Not Present: Regina Beausoleil, Interdepartmental Assistant

Chairman Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Groton Historical Commission:

Easom: Expect to see info on obtaining bids, police detail, road shut down, public safety official's letter of support (Tom Delaney, Highway Surveyor)

Rich: Stones on public land? Need further input from DPW, photos of maps/gps coordination

Gineane: Are these under jurisdiction of sign committee? Would like to see a letter of support.

Sargisson Beach - Andrew Davis

Degroot: Would like to see more detail on scope and financials, priorities, phases, etc.

Rich: Please obtain letters of support from environmental groups, maps/plans/etc. Detail where the group is in the process for the engineering work. Maintenance plan

Bruce: Add contingency to cover any unforeseen cost incidentals. Maintenance plan budget and funding support from Board of Selectmen. Conservation Commission will be responsible for some of the maintenance of this plan.

Dan: Obtain alternate funding sources/public support letters

Gineane had a question on the financial scope - any idea on cost? No accurate survey exists, need to wait for water level to drop to.

Hazel Grove – Gineane Haberlin

Richard Hewitt contacted the Coalition about parking lots. Standalone parking lots were not acceptable projects. The Coalition did not think it would qualify. Town Counsel can weigh in for any definitive decisions.

Gineane mentioned that HGAA and GTA will be revising their application to be more viable with the equipment and the trail head to be one project.

Bruce advised town counsel weigh in when the project is fully scoped and that the project be broader detailed to include grander scope (discuss walkers/hikers/etc).

Ledge Rock - Rob Flynn

Russ: Supplemental \$41k to augment the prior award from CPC, this amount makes up for the shortage.

Explain details and context of resubmission due to financial restrictions from last year.

Much discussion on the name of the property/project.

Cutler/Town Field - Rob Flynn and Jon Strauss

Rob Flynn discussed how the priority for Parks is safety and accessibility to all town residents. All properties need to have basic infrastructure attended to for safety. Rob explained the budget of the commission and why funding has been a challenge (due to the expenses of just "keeping the lights on".)

Russ: Is the big belly a maintenance item or a capital expense item?

Bruce: Put together a proposal for both cutler and town field, easier on accounting/project management. List in detail each item within the dollar amount.

Bob: CPC process looks favorably on multiple funding sources, organize the budgets according to projects.

Jon Strauss: can the summary be adjusted and resubmitted as individual projects: yes.

Consensus from group on qualification and scope. Consensus on splitting into two applications. Please title the projects numbers by 2015-02-a/b/c based on priority.

Parks should prioritize recreational plans going forward for scope.

Richard: Lighting, can be used on motion sensors, are the courts at town field being replaced or repaired? Parking isn't really good right near courts on field near bb court. Rob advised that the court needs to be re-graded and address drainage before the court and any parking lot changes happen.

Conservation Commission - Bruce Easom

Noted that \$200k is flexible but would like to work their existing account balance up.

Groton Pool & Golf - no one in attendance

Driving Range - New net

Bob - Town asset is degrading needs repair

Dan - Agrees with Bob

Richard - more detailed cost estimate and additional funding sources - driving range lit or not?

Gineane - Thinks that the priority may be a better sell and priority at town meeting to go with the pool study.

Tennis Court:

Dan: Approves with qualification

Richard - Again with context/vision/viability of the applications

Pool:

Russ / Dan - revisit the cost of doing the study for \$5k

Consensus of group to include total study of ADA compliance for entire facility

Badacook Pond - (see sign in sheet 7 in attendance)

Clarification on timing / project details / maintenance plan / letters of approval from BOS/water department / applicable state entitles/who is the land owner/ additional funding source

Put in a line item for notice of intent in the budget and project scope.

The project team is going to ask Mark Haddad if they can start work if the warrant article is approved but not pay bill until July when the money becomes available.

CPA recreation project discussion lead by Richard about the new guidelines

How do we want to proceed? Review current open space recreational plan to see what is inventoried. Russ to get link to email group regarding open spaces.

Gineane said that Parks is undertaking a project by which they collect data on field conditions and usage which will be significantly helpful.

Budget Update

Projects today come out of FY15

Totals today forecast for this FY

\$268k for community housing

\$158,663 for historic

\$240k for open space/recreation

Assume 26% match for next FY

Request summary this cycle is \$460k

\$309k may be returned if Ledge Rock isn't awarded the PARC grant. If that happens, the first warrant article should be the request for the \$400k for total project scope, before the \$41k project app for Parks

Surrenden Farm -

As long as state match stays above 17.9% there is no shortage on the debt service.

Richard read an email from Dawn regarding the town funding Regina's salary vs CPC funding. We can choose to contribute to Regina's salary. Richard to discuss further with Mark Haddad, Town Manager.

Richard moves that we send a letter to the Town Manager requesting that an application be filed to fund the housing coordinator from the housing fund instead of the CPC admin fund.

Bruce seconded.

Unanimous vote accepted.

8:58 Bruce moved to adjourn - Dan seconded

Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Gineane Haberlin/Regina Beausoleil
CPC Administrative Assistant

APPROVED: JULY 25, 2016
